



The Town Hall is open to the public with safety procedures in place. Please be patient and respectful while we keep residents and staff safe. I encourage you to do your Town Hall business by mail or virtually if possible. Many services can be done online, by phone, fax, or email.

[Town Website](#)

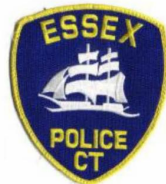
COVID-19 UPDATE:

There have been [43](#) (27 female, 16 male) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and 7 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. [Click Here for details](#)

[How to get tested for COVID-19 FAQs](#)

Current public health testing recommendations to diagnose a person who is sick or may be infected with COVID-19. [Click Here](#)

Get the latest guidance: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>



Essex Resident Trooper's Office

NOTICE (Updated: 06/22/20)

With the continued health and safety of our community in mind, the Essex Police Department will not be receiving walk-in complaints until further notice.

For **emergencies**, dial [911](#).

Routine police complaints will be taken by phone at [860-767-1054](tel:860-767-1054).

Fingerprinting and **pistol permit** processing are offered *by appointment only* M-F between 8:30am-4:00pm. Fingerprinting is also available by appointment at State Police Headquarters in Middletown, check www.ct.gov for more information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

From the Tax Collector's Office

Yes, it's almost that time of year again! The first installment of taxes is due the month of July 2020. You have 30 days to pay and they are delinquent after August 3rd, 2020. Bills will be mailed out the end of June. If your mortgage is escrowed, your physical tax bill will be mailed to the bank. As you can imagine, our office gets very busy at times. So don't wait in line, **pay your taxes online at essexct.gov**. Go into Online Services and then Pay Taxes. There is a charge paying by Credit Card, but just a \$2.00 flat fee for e-checks.

Interest is normally charged at the rate of 1.5% per month, 18% per year from the due date of the tax, with a portion of a month being considered a full month. However, the Low Interest Rate Program will allow for a lower rate of interest: .25% per month, or 3% per year, from the due date of the tax, for a period of up to 90 days only.

This year we are enclosing a postage paid envelope for mailing in your payment. If you want us to send you a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment and the taxpayer portion of your bill. You can make multiple payments with one check if you wish, except for any delinquent motor vehicle taxes.

When making your request for a Motor Vehicle adjustment, please send or fax verification of the change to the Assessor's Office (860) 767-4340 ext. 123 or 124 or fax: (860) 767-8509. To send an attachment by e-mail: jsypher@essexct.gov or bdamico@essexct.gov
Here is the link of accepted verifications:
<https://www.essexct.gov/assessor/pages/motor-vehicle-tax-bill-changes>

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, June 30th, to close the fiscal year and to prepare for July collections.



Department of Motor Vehicles Partially Re-opens by Appointment Only. [Click Here](#)

Connecticut Travel Advisory in Effect:

Self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving from a state with significant community spread.

Travel Advisory: Effective 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, anyone traveling into Connecticut, New York, or New Jersey from a state that has a new daily positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average are directed to self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state.

As of today, the list of states includes: **Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Utah & Washington.**

This list will be continually updated as the situation develops across

the country.

For Press Release [Click Here](#)

For additional CT COVID-19 FAQs visit:
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base>

Governor Lamont Announces Plans for 2020-2021 School Year

Connecticut schools are planned to reopen this fall with a priority to keep all students and teachers safe. The reopening of schools will happen on a statewide basis, which will provide equal learning for students across all Connecticut towns.

It is recommended that school districts use a 'cohorting' system where students would be kept in small groups based on classrooms.

Students will have to practice social distancing, with desks in the classroom spread out to maximize social distancing

Students and staff will have to wear masks and wash their hands frequently

Facial coverings will be mandatory for school bus drivers and students who ride the bus to and from school
[Click Here for the press release](#)

Governor Lamont Announces ConnectiCorps Service Opportunity

Program will Bolster Capacity of Connecticut Nonprofits Engaged in COVID-19 Response [Click Here](#)

Governor Lamont Encourages Participation in Statewide VITA Program to Combat Financial Insecurity During COVID-19 Pandemic. [Click Here](#)



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LATEST COVID-19 FACTS

- [COVID-19 Testing Sites Locator](#)
- [COVID-19 Self Checker](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [State of CT Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Governor Lamont Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Emergency Orders Issued by Governor Lamont](#)

Sign up for Safer Essex Emergency Alerts

Receive alerts about critical community information directly to your cell phone or email. Go to www.essexct.gov and search "Safer Essex" or call 860-760-4340 x112.

Sign up for Essex News

Encourage your friends and neighbors to receive this newsletter. Simply send an email request to essexnews@essexct.gov to be added to our distribution list.

Sign up for Weekly Check-In Call

Residents age 62+ are encouraged to sign up for a weekly check-in call from a volunteer. Please call Essex Social Services Department at 860-767-4340 x 201.

Town of Essex